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ASHER BUILDING
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1885

A typical example of mid to late 19th century Italianate style commercial buildings, the Asher Building, a three story frame structure, looks today much as it did when erected in the 1880's. Of particular interest is the 1st floor shop front which retains polygonal display windows with molded wood panels on a low granite foundation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Asher Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Ada Asher

Telephone #: 939-3160

STREET & NUMBER

200 S. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

100 N. Washington St. is a three story, three bay wide Italianate frame commercial building, located on the corner of N. Washington St. and Congress Avenue, facing east. A two story clapboard dwelling with several additions on it joins the rear wall and a two story frame commercial building abutts the north wall. Constructed in the 1880's, the building although covered with aluminum siding, is remarkably unchanged.

On the first floor there are two and four light (pegged sash) polygonal display windows with slightly arched upper sashes which have under them, molded wood panels on low ashlar granite foundations. The display window on the north side is three sided while the one on the south is pentagonal, wrapping around the south elevation. Slender applied columns mark the division between the bays and all of the fenestration is topped with a wooden cornice, having small Eastlake flower designs pierced in it, which has an upward slant. The entire cornice is presently covered by a sign with the store's name on it. The second floor windows have 1/1 light sash, while the third floor has 6/6 light sash. The first floor window on the south elevation contains two windows of 1/1 light sash each, with arched sashes, held within a single rectangular frame. The other upper story windows are consistent with those on the front elevation.

The main entrance, flanked by heavy brackets, is in the center bay, front elevation. A slightly arched enframement contains a glass door, framed with wood, and having a one light transom with a air conditioner in the middle of it, above it. In the space above the transom is an arched panel with a floral design incised in it.

The roof is flat with a wide bracketed cornice and no chimney is visible.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Asher Building, a three story frame Italianate commercial building looks today much as it did when it was constructed in the 1880's. It display all of its original exterior trim and woodwork including polygonal display windows with molded wooden panels on a low granite foundation below them. The retention of wood in this store front is noteworthy because so many shop fronts have had their orginal wood panels replaced with brick. Presently a large metal sign covers the East-lake cornice over the windows; the cornice is incised with floral designs.

The building is located in a block which is strong on 19th century architecture and has few intrusions. By location it is crucial to the preservation efforts of the City; it is not only a corner building, whose appearance affects two street scapes, but it is the last building on the west side of N. Washington St., before it becomes S. Washington St. and residential.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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June 10, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

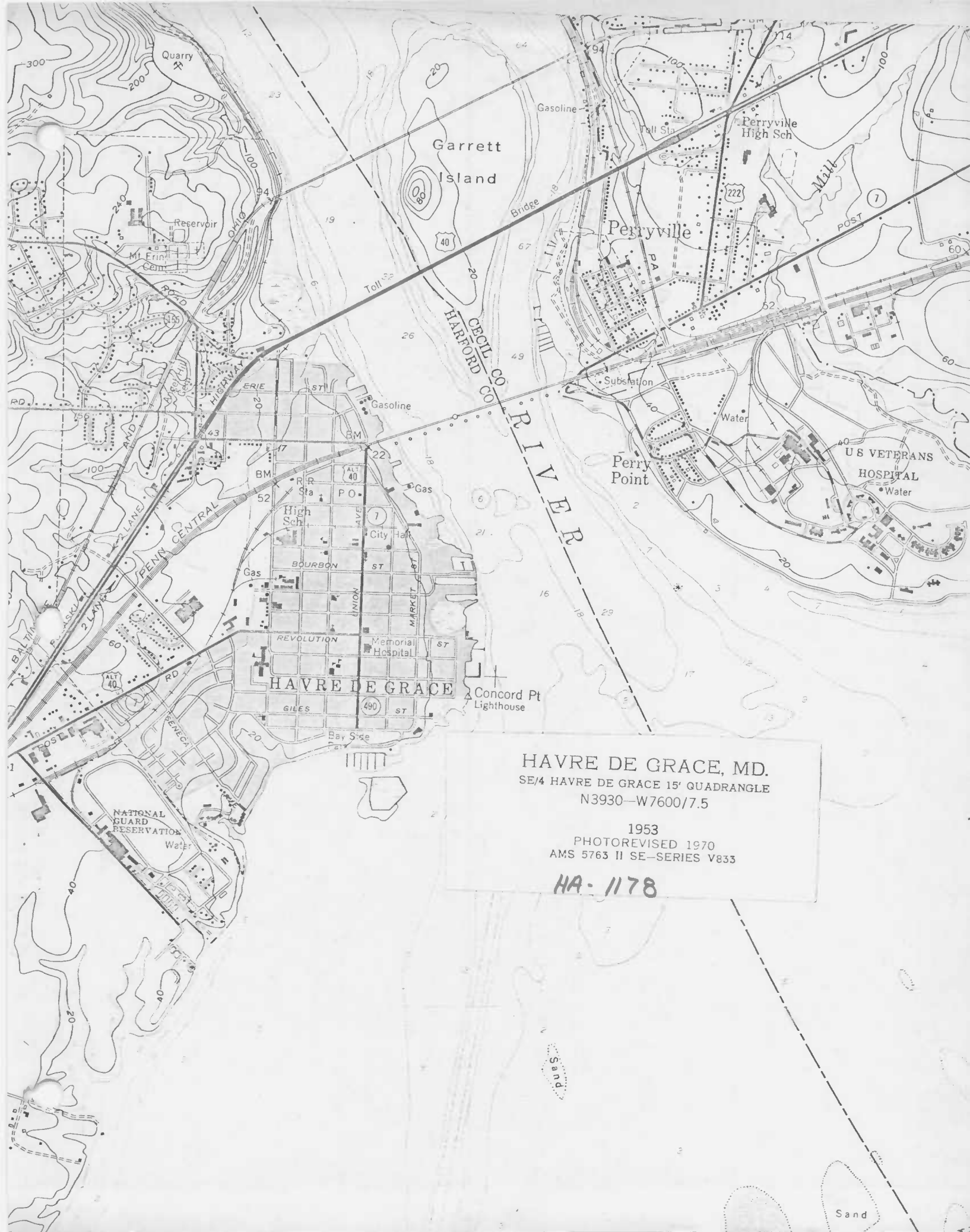
Annapolis, Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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